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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Drawings Inconsistency with Specification dated September 26, 2005, please amend the specification as shown on the attached sheet to correct a typographical error by changing "28M" to "28N". The drawings are now consistent with the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 10-14, with the following two paragraphs:

FIGS. 27A-27I illustrates at the distal end of the suture securing instrument the process of fastening a sleeve member to retain the sutured tissue closed and cutting of the suture;

FIGS. 28A-28N 28M represent an example of the view through the endoscope for applying of a suture by the suturing instrument of the system of FIG. 1 and then secured in place by a suture securing instrument of the system;